

Introduced by Senator Morrow

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An act relating to immigration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 692, as amended, Morrow. Immigration study.

Existing law sets out various provisions governing undocumented aliens in the state.

This bill would require ~~an unnamed agency~~ *the Office of the Legislative Analyst* to conduct a detailed, comprehensive study of the benefits and costs to the state of illegal immigration, to include specified components, and report its findings to the Governor and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The ~~Agency~~ *Office of the Legislative*
- 2 *Analyst* shall conduct a detailed, comprehensive study of the
- 3 benefits and costs to the state of illegal immigration, which shall
- 4 include, at a minimum, all of the following components:
- 5 (1) An assessment of the number of illegal immigrants that
- 6 currently reside in California and the historical and projected
- 7 rates of growth in this population.
- 8 (2) Effects on wholesale and retail prices and on labor costs in
- 9 agriculture and other industries employing large numbers of
- 10 illegal immigrants, including any benefits to consumers.

- 1 (3) A determination of what numbers and percentages of
- 2 undocumented workers are paid “above the table” and what
- 3 numbers and percentages are paid “below the table.”
- 4 (4) Effects on unemployment levels and wage levels of
- 5 American citizens and resident legal aliens in California.
- 6 (5) Effects on productivity of industries in the state, especially
- 7 agriculture, construction and textiles.
- 8 (6) Effects on premiums on all types of insurance.
- 9 (7) Effects on costs of law enforcement and corrections.
- 10 (8) Effects on costs of delivering medical care, especially, but
- 11 not limited to, hospital emergency rooms.
- 12 (9) Effects on costs of K–12 education and higher education.
- 13 (10) Effects on costs of social services.
- 14 (b) The ~~agency~~ *office* shall report its findings to the Governor
- 15 and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2006.